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Likins: Time to redefine UA identity

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If President Peter Likins has his way, UA will eventually narrow its focus to areas in which it excels, rather than trying to serve every academic need of Arizona's ever-growing population.

With the universities expected to take further budget cuts this year and state budget shortfalls estimated at \$1.4 billion over the next two years, it is possible that UA, ASU and NAU will

be able to choose specific areas into which they want to channel most of their resources, Likins told the Faculty Senate yesterday.

He said the Arizona Board of Regents recently asked the three university presidents to brainstorm how they would like their respective schools to grow in the next few years in light of budget cuts that have already taken about \$60 million from UA's budget alone.

All three presidents gave

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Polls open today, few students care

Editor's Note: This article is part of the Wildcat's continuous coverage of the 2002 Arizona election.

BY JENNY ROSE
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Polling places open this morning for the primary elections — but don't expect to see them filled with college students.

College-age voter turnout in Arizona elections has hovered around 8 percent for the past several years, said Peter Goudinoff, a political science lecturer and former Arizona state senator. That makes voters between the ages of 18- and

25-years old the least likely group to vote.

In contrast, voters over the age of 60 are the most likely to vote, with a 70 percent turnout rate at the polls, said Chris Roads, registrar of voters for Pima County.

Pima County sees an average 60 percent turnout for the general election, which means about 200,000 of the 350,000 registered voters in the county are filling in the bubble on the ballot for their favorite candidates, he said.

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DEREKH FROUDE/Arizona Daily Wildcat
Molecular and cellular biology sophomore Elizabeth Ashley takes some time in between classes to donate blood on the UA Mall yesterday morning. Blood donations have dropped sharply after peaking in the days immediately following Sept. 11 of last year.

Blood banks drying up

BY JESSE GREENSPAN
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Immediately after Sept. 11, an abundance of eager volunteers overloaded blood drives close to campus and around the country.

Since that time, however, blood donations have fallen below pre-Sept. 11 levels.

Yesterday on the UA Mall, United Blood Services, in coordination with Project Volunteer, attempted to get students back into the spirit of giving.

"We wanted to promote blood awareness and revolve it around Sept. 11," said Greg Billings, director of Project Volunteer. Project Volunteer is a part of the University Activities Board.

With the one-year anniversary of the attacks only days away, the once-overabundant supply has long since

expired.

"We had a really tough winter and the Red Cross did, too," said Cynthia Klein, senior community relations representative for United Blood Services. "People thought blood lasts longer, but it is only good for 42 days after donation."

Another factor that has hurt the blood supply is the more stringent criteria for donation. Because of the theoretical risk of mad cow disease from Europe, 5 percent of potential donations were lost over the past year, Klein said.

Meanwhile, blood use in hospitals increased 20 percent since this time last year, Klein said.

"(In the case of a blood shortage) we hold off sending blood to hospitals and we may have to call other blood banks in the country to see if they have any for us," Klein said. "Sometimes, elective surgeries are

cancelled so that the blood is there for medical emergencies."

People with negative blood types were especially encouraged to donate, as there has been a short supply of O-, A- and B- blood.

"O- is especially important because anyone can use it," Klein said, while also adding the importance of getting O+ and B+ blood.

Originally, the United Blood Services set a goal of 60 pints for the drive, which lasted from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. However, one of the two buses was unable to show up due to brake problems, dropping the goal to 40 units, Klein said.

By the day's end, the United Blood Services reported 39 pints of blood collected by 59 donors, falling just short of its objective.

"It was steady all day," Klein said.

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Career Fair hooks up job-hungry

BY CYNDY COLE
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Students flocked to McKale Center in waves yesterday to visit 120 prospective employers during a career fair that looks to be much bigger than last year's fair, which fell on Sept. 11.

Students lined the ramp all around McKale Center before the fair opened yesterday, said Susan Miller, Career Services coordinator of marketing and special events.

Miller expected 2,000 to 2,500 students would attend Career Fair yesterday, with a slight drop off in attendance today.

Of the 128 prospective employers waiting to meet the students, 120 plus one PETS MART dog showed up.

The career fair was cut from three days to two this year because of the slowing economy, Miller said.

Government recruiters made up a quarter of the employers at this year's fair, which some consider a sign of a weak job market.

"The best part is just to see all the candidates coming out for jobs, even though it's a tight market," said Sara Schroeder, a 2001 UA alumna who is now a buyer technician for PETS MART.

Schroeder and fellow recruiters at her booth are

looking to hire 560 employees for stores across the United States and Canada.

Within the first three and a half hours, the fair had been open, about 50 people had stopped by the U.S. Air Force recruitment booth for information, said Robert Kitto, officer accessions recruiter.

U.S. Customs Service officer Rick Spring and fellow customs employees are looking to attract 15,000 applicants to work on the United States and Canadian border, from Maine to Washington.

IRS recruiter Denis Huot said he'd had about 60 visitors at his booth in less than four hours. The IRS is look-

ing to hire hundreds of employees, primarily accounting majors, once the federal budget is approved in October.

"There has been a tremendous increase in government services regardless of agency," Huot said.

But Peace Corps recruiter Jeff Ogren has seen a dip in the numbers of people interested in overseas service recently. He attributes the smaller number of applications to fears resulting from terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, among other factors. About 20 students had stopped by the Peace Corps' booth three

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Michelle Eton, philosophy junior, chats with Kristi Blass, a New York Life representative, at UA's Career Fair in McKale Center yesterday.